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detecting means for detecting a voltage level of a signal line connected to a personal computer;

power supply control means for controlling a supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit in accordance with an output of said detecting means;

discriminating means for discriminating whether or not a communication request of a predetermined procedure has been received from the personal computer after the electric power of the power source was supplied to the predetermined circuit by said power supply control means, wherein said discriminating means detects the voltage level of the signal line connected to the personal computer and is powered by the personal computer via the signal line; and
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control means for continuing the supply of the electric power from the power [supply] source once said discriminating means discriminates a presence of the communication request.

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2. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detecting means detects a logic level of a data line arranged between the personal computer and said peripheral apparatus and said [communication request] discriminating means detects the presence or absence of the communication request at the logic level detected by said detecting means.

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3. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein the data line and a power supply line [for the power
supply] are separately provided.

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5. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 4,
wherein said discriminating means determined whether or not
the electronic camera has been operated by an operator or
controlled by the personal computer, and said control means
executes a control in accordance with a result of the
[judgment] discrimination.

6. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein said detecting means and discriminating means use the
[signal] logic level transmitted through the data line as [a]
the power source.

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7. (Amended) A camera which can be connected to a
computer apparatus, comprising:
recording means for recording a photographed image;
detecting means for detecting a level of a data
line which is connected to a personal computer;
discriminating means for judging whether or not an
input signal is a predetermined command from the personal
computer, wherein said discriminating means detects the
voltage level of the data line connected to the personal
computer and is powered by the personal computer via the data
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image output means for outputting image data
recorded by said recording means to the personal computer;
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control means for starting a supply of an electric
power to said recording means and said image output means
according to a detection result of said detecting means, and
then controlling the supply of the electric power according
to a discrimination result of said discriminating means so as
to continue the supply of the electric power once the
predetermined command is discriminated by said discriminating
means, and to stop in the case where the predetermined
command is not discriminated by said discriminating means.

8. (Amended) A camera according to Claim 7,
wherein [said detecting means detects] the level detected by
said detecting means is a logic level of the data line
arranged between the personal computer and said camera and
said discriminating means detects the presence or absence of
a communication request at the logic level detected by said
detecting means.

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11. (Amended) A camera according to claim 7,
wherein said detecting means and said discriminating means
use the [signal] level transmitted through the data line as a
power source.

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